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As Hanna's friends see it.



As Roosevelt's friends see it.

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Like He Was a Kid.

I've been out a-countin' rosebuds
An' a-bracin' up the vines,
An' a fixin' up some benches
Where the mornin' glory twines;
An' I picked some glory blossoms
That was twisted shut on top,
An' I blowed 'em like I useter,
When a kid, an' heard 'em pop!

An' I took some ribbon grasses
An' I fairly made 'em talk;
As I bowed 'em 'twixt my fingers
You could hear the chickens squawk.
Like they do when hawks have got
'em,
An' the mockbird's lovin' call
Seemed just saturatin' round me,
An' I made the catbirds squall.

An' I plum forgot the bizness
I was out there on, I did;
An' my soul jest bubbled up'ard
Like when I was just a kid!
Till my heart was beatin' ragtime
'hinkin' of the times I'd had,
An' I ketched myself a-laughin'
Right out loud I was so glad!

Just a-laughin' an' a-chucklin'—
You remember how you'd do
Swingin' on the gate o' mornin's
When the sky was drenched in dew
An' you was a kid an' happy—
S'pose I acted like I'm daft,
But my soul was singin' "glory,"
An' I can't sing so I laughed.
—J. M. Louis, in Houston Post.

Wisdom from a College.

A college professor in the University of Michigan—an institution which is, by the way, wholly supported by taxation—has set up a new theory upon which to defend great monopolies. The masses of the people, he says, have not sense enough properly to handle their own finances. The money they receive they squander in mere self-indulgence, or hoard to provide for their future needs. They are neither able to furnish the great capital needed to establish new productive industries, nor have they the in-

telligence or the self-sacrifice needed to tax themselves for great and needful public institutions.

It is because of this deplorable narrowness of the public mind—I am still paraphrasing the college professor, whose wisdom, like that of all of his class, I deeply revere—that men of the Rockefeller and Carnegie stamp are necessary and serviceable to a nation.

You and I would not tax ourselves for a public library. We might prefer to spend the money otherwise. So Mr. Carnegie, having power through his monopoly of the steel business to tax us without our consent, does so for enough to build a library and says he has made us a present of it. Thereupon we are so grateful that we straightway promise to tax ourselves and our descendants in perpetuity to maintain it.

The extent to which this is being done almost convinces me that the college professor's estimate of the intelligence of us common folk is right.

In the same way, if Mr. Rockefeller thinks we need a university he boosts the price of oil a little. It is true that comparatively few of the people who really pay for the libraries and the university can use either. It is true that if the people become accustomed to receiving as apparent gifts things which they should, and in many instances cheerfully do, provide for themselves, they will lose the habit of self-reliance and become mendicants. It is true that if the benevolent monopolists continue to take hundreds of millions and dole back millions the people's ability to provide needed public institutions for themselves will necessarily disappear.

The professor further thinks that if the millionaire monopolists did not exist to furnish capital for great productive enterprises, capital would not be forthcoming, because the people, being timid, and not trained in the way of the investor, only put their money in savings banks.

Apparently he thinks that money put into a savings bank stays there

inert and unproductive. As a matter of fact, through the system of bank reserves, and deposits by country banks at financial centers, the little savings of the farmer and the workingman go in the mass to swell the great stream of capital which the practitioner of high finance uses to float his gigantic enterprises.

In the end, it seems to me, the professor's contention resolves itself into this:

The Rockefellers, Carnegies and Morgans are better equipped by intelligence and ability to spend the people's surplus money than the people themselves. Therefore we acquiesce in giving them, through the power of monopoly, the privilege of taxing and spending the fruits of taxation as they will. But the right to raise and expend revenue is the very fundamental of government. Therefore Rockefeller, Morgan et al. are in fact the government.

I don't know whether the professor is ready to go the full length of his theory or not. If he is, he deserves credit for clearly seeing a condition which actually exists, but merits condemnation for apologizing for it.—Willis J. Abbott, in Boyce's Weekly.

The Captain's Arduous Duties.

Captain Sigsbee tells of a conversation he once overheard between two marines who were arguing as to who had the least work to do on board a man-of-war, says the New York Times.

"It's the chaplain," said the first. "How'd ye make that out?" asked the second.

"Because he ain't got no work to do and all day to do it in."

The second marine snorted his disgust. "You ain't got it right, Jack," said he. "It's the cap'n of marines."

"How's that?"
"Well, me boy, as you say, the chaplain's got nothin' to do and all day to do it in; but the cap'n of marines he ain't got anything to do and all day to do it in and a lieutenant of marines to help him do it."